

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2006
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on August 9th at 1:12 p.m. at the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Chambers, Sacramento, CA.

Members Present: Fran Florez, Chair
Marc Adelman, Vice Chair
Quentin Kopp
Lynn Schenk
Joseph Petrillo
Rod Diridon, Sr.
T.J. Stapleton

Opening Comments

Chair Florez thanked the audience for coming to today's meeting and introduced the Authority's new Board Member Quentin Kopp.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for the following Authority Meetings:

Chair Florez presented the minutes from the January 22, 2006 and March 22, 2006 meetings for approval. Member Stapleton moved to approve the minutes, Member Petrillo seconded, which carried 7-0.

Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation

Chair Florez presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Petrillo moved to approve the list of meetings for compensation, Member Schenk seconded, which carried 7-0.

Member Reports

Member Diridon reported on the new High-Speed & Intercity Rail Committee of APTA. Member Diridon reported that he has become the new Chairperson for the newly formed committee.

Chair Florez welcomed Mayor Curt Pringle of Anaheim, Mayor Janet Lockhart of Dublin and Visalia City Council Member Bob Link.

Member Kopp reported on the high-speed rail fact finding mission to France. The delegation consisted of Executive Director Morshed, Authority Board Members Kopp, Adelman and Diridon, Senator Murray, Senator Ducheny, and members of a Texas corporation interested in promoting high-speed rail in Texas. The delegates were guests of the TGV and French Government. The visit to France included presentations from manufacturers and engineers of the TGV system, a visit to the TGV test track and a trip to the city of Bordeaux which has a newly developed integrated track design for the city's historical district.

Member Schenk reported that four Southern California Universities are hosting a conference on high-speed rail and maglev. Member Schenk reported that the High-Speed Rail Authority should become involved in the conference.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Morshed reported on the new developments for the High-Speed Rail Authority. Executive Director Morshed reported that at the beginning of the year the Authority's future was uncertain. However, thanks to the time and effort of high-speed rail supporters working to convince the legislature and governor that high-speed rail should be a part of California's future the State's budget was favorable towards high-speed rail. The Authority was granted \$14 million to keep moving the project forward and now is the beginning of the hard work. The Authority will be increasing the number of staff members to get the work completed on time and assist in the communication between the Board and staff.

Executive Director Morshed reported that he had a meeting with the Mayor of Anaheim, Curt Pringle and the Orange County Transportation Authority to discuss looking into high-speed rail from Anaheim to the Ontario Airport. This would create an alignment from Los Angeles to Anaheim and Anaheim to Ontario. The Authority agreed to work with the Orange County Transportation Authority to develop a study of the possible alignment and the results of the study will be presented to the Board.

High-Speed Rail Study Mission to Japan

Executive Director Morshed reported that the Authority has received an invitation from Japan to study the Shinkansen. This trip will allow the Authority and invited Legislators to understand the high-speed rail system and choose the right technology for our system. Member Schenk moved to accept the study mission to Japan, Member Stapleton seconded, which carried 7-0.

Selection Process for Architectural and Engineering Firms

Deputy Director Carrie Pourvahidi presented proposed regulations for the selection process of Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms, as required by GC§4525 et seq., for board review and ratification. The Board chose to review the regulations at the next board meeting after the comments received were made available. Member Schenk reminded the board that the contract decisions were important and they should not be made too quickly. Member Schenk commented that if the board had to meet more often to get the contracts approved in a timely manner, then board members should be prepared to meet when needed. Member Petrillo moved to postpone approval of the regulations until the next board meeting, Member Schenk seconded, which carried 7-0.

Draft Request for Qualification for Project Management Contract

Deputy Director Carrie Pourvahidi presented a draft Request for Qualifications for the Project Management contract for board review and approval. Executive Director Morshed suggested this Item and Item 10 be postponed until the next board meeting to allow

further review by members. Member Stapleton moved to postpone this Item and Item 10, Member Petrillo seconded, which carried 7-0.

Scope of Work for the preparation of the Visual Simulation Request for Proposal

Executive Director Morshed requested authority to release a RFP for a visual simulation consultant team. This project would set up engineering drawings and have them formatted into visual presentations to be shown to the Board and public. Member Diridon commented that he has seen similar visual simulations and sees many benefits to this contract. Member Petrillo expressed concern that a draft request for proposal (RFP) needs to be reviewed by the Board Members before any decision to adopt. Member Schenk moved to postpone action on the scope of work until the draft request for proposal for the visual simulation contract is presented at the next board meeting, Member Petrillo seconded, which carried 7-0.

Wayne Woodroof, State Parks

Mr. Woodruff commented that State Parks would like to see the scope for the preparation of the Visual Simulation Request for Proposal, but is aware how a visual simulation would be a very important tool to see how high-speed rail would affect California's State Parks.

Draft Request for Proposal for the Financing Plan Contract

Deputy Director Carrie Pourvahidi presented a draft Request for Proposal for the Financing Plan contract for board review and approval. This proposal is based on how the Authority has completed previous contracts and develops a financing strategy for the high-speed rail system. Member Kopp moved to approve the proposal, Member Petrillo seconded, which carried 7-0.

Draft Request for Qualification for the preliminary Design and Project-Specific Environmental Work

Executive Director Morshed suggested Item 7 and this Item be postponed until the next board meeting to allow further review by members. Member Petrillo moved to postpone Items 7 and this Item, Member Stapleton seconded, which carried 7-0.

Election of Officers

Chair Florez moved the Election of Officers earlier in the agenda to accommodate any of the members that might need to leave early. Chair Florez moved to appoint Quentin Kopp as Chairperson for the upcoming fiscal year (2006/2007), Member Petrillo seconded, which carried 7-0.

Member Schenk nominated Member Adelman to remain as Vice Chair, Member Petrillo seconded the motion and carried 7-0. Member Petrillo nominated former Chairperson Florez as a second Vice Chair, Member Stapleton seconded the motion and carried 7-0.

Presentation of the Conceptual Engineering for HST Alignments and Station Locations between the Bay Area and Central Valley

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt and Kip Field presented an update on the progress of the "Bay Area to Central Valley HST Program EIR/EIS". The conceptual engineering for the high-

speed rail alignments and station locations between the Bay Area and Central Valley are being done in partnership between the Authority and the regional rail team.

High-Speed Train Ridership: Levels of Service Assumptions & Model System Development

Maren Outwater from Cambridge Systematics had presentations for the levels of service assumptions and model system development. Ms. Outwater also gave an overview of the modeling efforts being developed for high-speed rail. Ms. Outwater explained that the design of this modeling system will result in a system that can be used for various applications.

Public Comment

Bob Link, City of Visalia Councilmember

Mr. Link expressed the continued support from the City of Visalia for the high-speed rail project and the efforts of the Authority. The City of Visalia is still highly committed to the study of potential alternate with a station in the Tulare/Kings County area in the proposed route between Bakersfield and Fresno. The City of Visalia is committed to working with High-Speed Rail for the future of our communities and the future of California.

Janet Lockhart, Mayor of Dublin

Mayor Lockhart expressed support for of public transportation in the Dublin area, including high-speed rail. Mayor Lockhart also expressed support for eliminating the I-580 to Bay Area alignments due to the city of Dublin's plans to develop 2300 new housing units.

Patrick Moore, Sierra Club

Mr. Moore expressed concerns over the lack of inclusion in the ridership forecast model of other modes of travel connecting to high-speed rail and the impacts of those connections to ridership. Mr. Moore suggested in regards to the visual simulation to show how the size of California would shrink with the short travel time between cities with high-speed rail.

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt reported that the ridership forecast model would include the impact of different modes of transportation connections with high-speed rail.

Gerald Cauthen, TRAC and Advisory Committee to Bay Area Regional Rail

Mr. Cauthen commented that there existed good communication with the Regional Rail Team, High-Speed Rail and interested parties. Mr. Cauthen expressed concern over considering too many alignments options and reminded the team that the screening process is to get rid of alternatives for further study that are not feasible. Mr. Cauthen commented that the Altamont alignment is getting the objective evaluation and consideration.

Alan C. Miller, Executive Director of TRAC

Mr. Miller expressed concern that the consultants were locked into the 3434 constraints in the MTC study. Mr. Miller commented that all of the options need to be considered, not just those constrained by pre-existing mandates.

Patrick Moore, Sierra Club

Mr. Moore agreed with the concerns expressed by Mr. Cauthen and Mr. Miller. Mr. Moore also expressed concern that in the Bay Area and Central Valley conceptual engineering presentation. One alternative was removed because of a very tight curve along the I-580 corridor because of the indicated velocity on the south bound section of track; however, in the same proposal, the group added the I-580/680 alternative alignment which also seems to have a very tight set of curves. Mr. Moore expressed concern that having the entire project hampered by a few hairpin turns would not be beneficial to the project and he would like to have the information on what the velocity is on those two curves.

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt clarified that the speed of the train had nothing to do with the one alignment alternative being removed from the study. The problem with the curve for the south bound section of track for the I-580 option was not in regards to the speed or velocity of the train, but about impacts to the community due to the track being a new alignment. The other alignment (the added I-580/I-680/UPRR alternative) would be following existing transportation right-of-ways.

Ken Ross, Engineer for the City of Livermore

Mr. Ross expressed his appreciation for inclusion in the meeting and is looking forward to working with the Bay Area Regional Rail Team.

Executive Director Morshed suggested that the Board meet again on August 23rd, to expedite the approval of the contracts to keep the work moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.